

Report from Ad hoc Committee on the Implementation of the IAI Tripartite Governance

The 22nd Conference of the Parties (CoP) in Mexico City approved the renewal of the term of the Implementation Committee for the Tripartite Structure of the IAI until the next CoP. The committee will maintain its terms of reference and membership: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador (Vice-chair), USA (Chair) and Uruguay. The committee shall be open to all the Parties.

The Implementation of the IAI tripartite governance continues. As the IA Directorate reported the Montevideo office is operational. Both assistants have been provided by the Uruguayan government and have integrated well with the team.

In Brasil, currently three IAI staff members are continuing to support the IAI: one to finalize financial and administrative tasks which will conclude the closure of the IAI's banking and taxation links in Brazil; one to support new Uruguayan staff and help with the organization of CoP23; and one to continue support for the capacity building program until a replacement has been hired in Uruguay. The IAI is continuing to work with the Government of Brazil to finalize the Host Country Agreement to support the Science Development Office. To this end, the Chair of the Implementation Committee met with representatives from the government of Brazil, including Science and Technology ministry (MCTI), the host institution (INPE) and the External Relations ministry (DCTEC - Itamaraty) to refine a proposed Host Country Agreement. This document is currently being reviewed and a new or amended agreement may be signed in the near future.

As of May 2015, a director has been hired in the Science-Policy liaison office in Buenos Aires and the IAI is looking forward to enhanced operations there.